

3-28-13 ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Browne, Katie Cousins, Patricia Van Esso, Michael James Long, Peggy Day, Jim Goettler (via Skype), Alan Cohn and Roger Lesiak and later, Eric Nicholson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Diane Albino, Jain Elliott, Robert Jacobs, Kay Kintzley, Don Doolin, and Dee Wirak

OTHERS PRESENT: "Mouseman" McCarthy, Heather Kent, Tomas, Michael Forster, and Christie Harrison

AGENDA ITEMS: upcoming retreat, camping issues, low power FM proposal, approve applications, addressing Elders' concerns, announcements, introductions.

INTRODUCTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS: from Licia, Roy Mann may be playing at the Meet & Greet From Mouseman and Heather: they have purchased five acres adjoining their property and intend to open it up for OCF family camping. The property also includes a 2 - 3 bdrm manufactured home which they intend to rent.

SPRING RETREAT: April 6-7 at Alice's. Bring breads, soups, sandwich fixings and pies for Saturday. Possible agenda items to include: Parking Issues, Still Living Room, Camping, Events Planning, Vision Quest Goal #5 - How are we doing?, and developing a formal process/protocol for addressing Elders' concerns. These agenda items will be scheduled around Dennis Todd's arrival at 3:30pm on Saturday to facilitate a conversation regarding the proposed Community Center and its impacts.

CAMPING: April 13 is the first work party to claim camp space in Elders' Camp. You may have someone else claim a spot for you. We will also be clearing the area of debris and leveling sites. Other camping work party dates are May 18 and June 15. All dates are 10am - 2pm at Elders Camp (near the Hub).

Chris announced that there will be sites near Zenn Acres that will have electricity available for medical necessities.

Last year there were 70 campers. Peggy and Sue drew up a detailed map with numbered sites -- very helpful!

Mary Barton and others will host the hospitality tent again this year.

LOW-POWER FM- The Task Force has compiled information and budgets for a BOD report to be presented Monday, April 1. The supporting letter was read aloud and voted on -- the majority supported this proposal.

NEW ELDER APPLICATIONS-The applications subcommittee has vetted and reviewed 23 new applicants, and all were approved as recommended by the subcommittee. The total of new Elder applications for this year's Fair is 136.

ADDRESSING ELDERS' CONCERNS: Mouseman brought up the fact that an Elder had come to two meetings in a row and presented a letter outlining several concerns. Do we have any sort of process or protocol for addressing an Elder's concerns when presented at a committee meeting? Patricia will bring that Elder's letter to the retreat. Topic was added to the retreat agenda.

One suggestion from Christie was to add a "member input" segment to our regular committee meetings for the purpose of airing concerns and possibly brainstorming solutions.

NEXT MEETING_April 25, 2013, OCF office, 442 Lawrence St, Eugene. 7pm

Submitted, Katie Cousins